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ABC TO ISSUE NEW LIQUOR LICENSES IN 35 COUNTIES

Manuel R. Espinoza, Interim Director of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, today announced authorization for the issuance of new on-sale general and off-sale general licenses and the inter-county transfer of on-sale general and off-sale general licenses.

This year, due to population increases, the following counties will be eligible for additional on-sale general and off-sale general licenses.

COUNTY	NEW ON-SALE	NEW OFF-SALE	INTERCOUNTY ON-SALE	INTERCOUNTY OFF-SALE
Alameda	25	9	25	0
Butte	4	1	0	0
Contra Costa	25	25	25	25
El Dorado	0	1	0	0
Fresno	25	14	25	0
Imperial	4	4	4	4
Kern	25	21	25	0
Kings	3	4	3	4
Los Angeles	25	25	25	25
Madera	4	4	4	2
Merced	7	7	7	0
Monterey	17	13	0	13
Napa	0	4	0	3
Nevada	0	3	0	0
Orange	25	25	25	25
Placer	7	9	0	1
Riverside	25	25	25	25
Sacramento	25	25	25	25
San Benito	2	1	2	1
San Bernardino	25	25	25	25
San Diego	25	25	25	25
San Joaquin	21	19	21	19
San Luis Obispo	4	1	0	0
San Mateo	25	23	2	23

COUNTY	NEW ON-SALE	NEW OFF-SALE	INTERCOUNTY ON-SALE	INTERCOUNTY OFF-SALE
Santa Barbara	0	5	0	0
Santa Clara	25	25	25	25
Santa Cruz	12	8	0	7
Shasta	3	2	0	0
Solano	14	13	14	13
Sonoma	7	13	0	0
Stanislaus	16	15	16	0
Sutter	3	1	3	0
Tulare	11	8	11	0
Ventura	25	25	25	12
Yolo	6	5	6	5

From September 9, 2002, through September 20, 2002, Department offices will accept applications for new original on-sale general licenses for bona fide eating places and new original off-sale general licenses in those counties where such licenses are available.

During the same period of time, priority applications will be accepted for inter-county transfer of on-sale general licenses for bona fide public eating places and off-sale general licenses into those counties where such licenses may be transferred.

Only one priority application will be accepted from any one applicant for each type license in counties where original licenses are available. In counties where both original licenses and inter-county transfer of such licenses are available, an applicant may file one application for each drawing if specifically separate premises are designated for each license application. Legislation which became effective January 1, 1995, established a fee of \$12,000 to be paid when filing a priority application for a new original general license. A fee of \$6,000 must be paid when filing a priority application for an inter-county transfer of a general license. Only certified checks, cashier's checks or money orders will be accepted in payment of the application fee. These should be made payable to Alcoholic Beverage Control.

If, at the conclusion of the period for filing applications in any county, the Department finds there are more applications than there are licenses available for issuance, a public drawing will be held. To participate in such a drawing, an applicant must have been a resident of California for at least 90 days prior to the date scheduled for the priority drawing. When there are fewer applications than licenses, the Department will proceed with a thorough investigation of each application.

By accepting only certified checks, cashier's checks, or money orders in payment of priority application fees, the Department is able to automatically refund the application fees, less \$100 service charge, of all unsuccessful applicants. Applicants whose application fees have been automatically refunded will retain their priority ranking until a new priority list is established.

Applicants are urged to file their applications early in the filing period to avoid a lengthy wait.

Additional information may be obtained from any office of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control